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Transmitted herewith for filing is the Patent Application of: KEITH BILLINGS

For: LAMP BALLAST FOR REDUCING INTERFERENCE CURRENT

TYPE OF FILING

This new patent application is for a(n):

- ☐ Utility
- ☐ Design
- ☐ Plant
- ☐ Divisional
- ☒ Continuation
- ☐ Continuation-in-part

Benefit of a prior filed application

- ☒ This is a continuation of copending application Serial No. 09/584,445 filed on May 31, 2000 claims the benefit of an earlier filed U.S. Patent Application under 35 USC 120.
- ☐ Please accord Applicant the benefit of the priority date of _____ to this case pursuant to 35 USC 119. Applicant's claim for priority is based on application _____ filed in _____ on that date.

Filing under 37 CFR 1.53 (Utility) or 37 CFR 1.153 (Design)

- ☒ This is an application filed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53 or 37 CFR 1.153, permitting receipt of a filing date upon filing of a specification, at least one claim and necessary drawings.
- ☒ In the event any parts of this application are incomplete, please treat this as a filing under 37 CFR 1.53 or 37 CFR 1.153.

ENCLOSURES

Minimum requirements under 37 CFR 1.53(b) (Utility) or 37 CFR 1.153 (Design)

- ☒ 17 pages of specification;

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- ☒ 3 pages of claims;
☒ 1 pages of abstract;
☒ 2 sheets of informal drawings;
☒ A Declaration, Power of Attorney & Petition or listing of inventors;
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- ☐ An Assignment of the invention to _____ and an Assignment cover sheet;
☐ Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status (37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(b))
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☐ An associate power of attorney;
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DECLARATION OR OATH

The enclosed Declaration or Oath has been executed by:

- ☐ Inventor(s);
☐ Legal representative of the inventors (37 CFR 1.42 or 1.43);
☐ Joint inventor or person showing proprietary interest on behalf of an inventor who refused to sign or who cannot be reached and this is a petition required by 37 CFR 1.47 and the statement required by 37 CFR 1.47 is attached;
☒ Has not been executed and is enclosed for the purposes of identifying the inventors.

INVENTORSHIP STATEMENT

The inventorship for all the claims in this application is:

- ☒ the same;
☐ not the same and, as an explanation, a statement is/ will be submitted.

LANGUAGE

The application submitted herewith is:

- ☒ in English;
☐ in not in English and in terms of 37 CFR 1.52(d) a verified translation is
☐ attached
☐ not attached.

FEE CALCULATION

The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

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BASIC FEE Design Patent	\$155		\$310
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EXTRA FEES	RATE	FEE	RATE FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS <u>16</u> MINUS 20 = 0	x 9 = \$		x 18 = \$
INDEP. CLAIMS <u>2</u> MINUS 3 = 0	x 39 = \$		x 78 = \$
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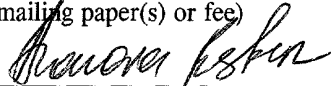
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